Sl.No.	*Name of the State*	*No. of persons detained under TADA during the last three years (persons arrested with effect from 9/88 to 9/91)*
12.	Rajasthan	297
13.	Uttar Pradesh	211

Figure upto 6/91

@ Figure unto 3/91.

Setting up of Statutory Development Boards in Maharashtra

1719. SHRI SHARAD DIGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up Statutory Development Boards for Vidarbha, Marathwada and rest of Maharashtra without curtailing the powers of the State Government;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) whether the government also propose to set-up such Board for Western Maharashtra and Konkan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c) The Government of Maharashtra have sent proposals at different points of time for setting up of Development Boards for vidarbha, Marathwada and the rest of Maharashtra in terms of article 317(2) of the Constitution and a separate Development Boards for Konkan after amending this article for this purpose. They require in-depth examination from different angles, including legal and constitutional, before a final decision is taken.

Deficit of Revenue and expenditure account in Postal Department.

1720. SHRI SHARAD DIGHE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deficit on revenue and expenditure account in the Postal Department is mounting every year,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the long term adjustment and changes proposed to be made to reduce expenditure and increase earnings?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No Sir, deficit has not been steadily mounting but only varying from year to year.

(b) The detials of deficit for the last 5 years are as follows:

(In crores of Rs.)

1986 -87	216.43
1987-88	190.87
1988-89	169.73
1989-90	262.99
1990-91	191.65

(c) Some of the long term measures planned are computerisation of Post Offices, improvement of SPEED POST in order to generate more revenue, cutting down of costs and increase earning.

[*Translation*]

Head Post Offices in districts of Bihar.

1721. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts in Bihar where Head Post Officers have been opened;

(b) the names of the districts where Head Post Offices have not yet been opened; and

(c) the time by which Head Post Offices are likely to be opened in all the District Headquarters, particularly in Sahibganj?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (A) 1. Aurangabad 2. Banka 3. Begusarai 4. Bettiah 5. Bhagalpur 6. Bhojpur 7. Biharsarif 8. Bokaro 9. Buxur 10. Chalbasa 11. Daltonganj 12. Darbhanga 13. Deoghar 14. Dhanbad 15. Dumka 16. Gaya 17. Giridih 18. Gopalganj 19. Gumla 20. Hajipur 21. Hazaribag 22. Jamshedpur 23. Katihar 24. Madhubani 25. Motihari 26. Munger 27. Muzaffarpur 28. Gawada 29. Patna 30. Purnea 31. Ranchi 32. Sasaram 33. Saran 34. Saharsa 35. Samastipur 36. Sitamarhi 37. Siwan.

(b) 1. Araria 2. Bhabua 3. Garhwa 4. Godda 5. Jamui 6. Jehanabad 7. Khagaria 8. Kishanganj 9. Lohardaga 10. Madhepura 11. Sehebganj 12. Supaul.

(c) There is no justification for opening of Head Post Office at Sahibganj as per departmental norms. No time limit can be fixed for the opening of Head Post Offices in the remaining districts.

Eratic Power supply in Bihar

1722. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of Power and NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether power is supplied to Sahibganj, Santhal-Pargana of Bihar by N.T.P.C. Centre located in Farraka;

(b) whether the power supply in this area particularly in three hill areas of Pakur, Sahibganj and Barharvan is erratic very irregular; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the government to ensure regular power supply for atleast fifteen hours per day in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) Power from various Central Generating Stations, including the NTPC's Power Station at Farakka, is fed into the regional grids from where it gets distributed amongst the various beneficiary States/ Systems as per their respective shares. While various measures are taken to improve the availability of power to Bihar, including assistance from the Central Generating Sta-